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Applicant: SAJADI ET AL. Examiner: SINGH, R.  
Serial No.: 09/853,035 Group Art Unit: 2644  
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Title: SPLITTER ASSEMBLY FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

The co-pending patent application listed on the attached Form 1449 is being submitted to give the Examiner the opportunity to consider whether any double patenting issues exist between the present application and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,808. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,808 was filed on June 29, 2001 with the same detailed specification as the above-identified patent application, but with different claims.

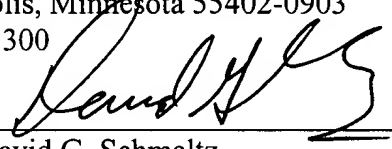
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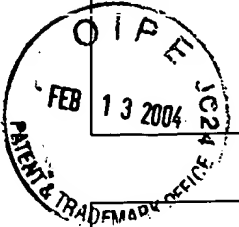
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<b>FORM 1449*</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 2316.1460US01	Application Number: 09/853.035
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,808, filed June 29, 2001.

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